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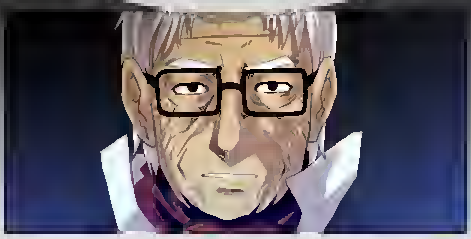
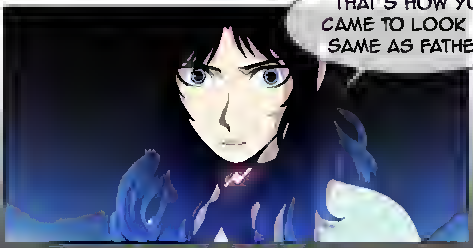
I SYNCED MY BRAIN.



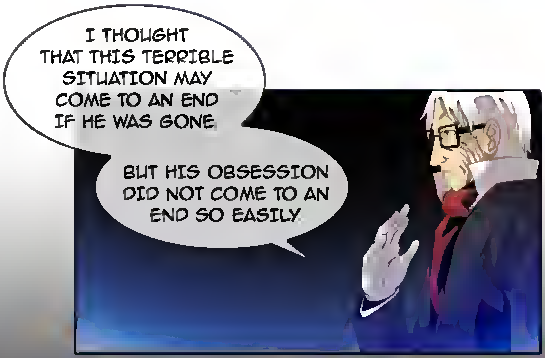


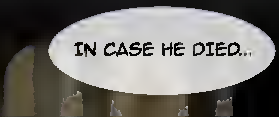
RIGHT. AND AS I SAID THE BRAIN SYNCING PROCESS WAS NOT YET COMPLETE

THE TECHNOLOGY

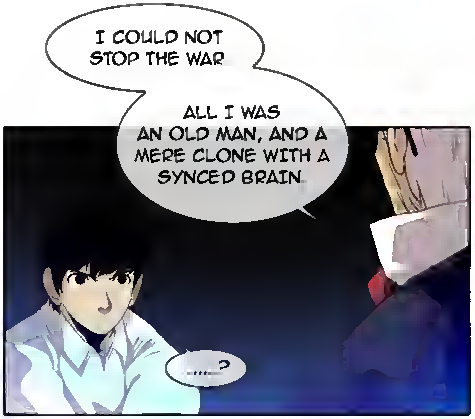
AT THE TIME WAS UNSUFFICIENT TO PREVENT SIGNIFICANT MEMORY LOSS
DURING THE SYNCING, I LOST A LOT OF MY MEMORY
FATAL TO A RESEARCHER LIKE MYSELF
BUT AT LEAST I COULD REMEMBER THE SITUATION I'D BEEN PLACED IN
AND KILLED GEPETTO USING THE SHELTER DEFENSE FORCE

SO HE DIDN T DIE OF NATURAL CAUSES AT AN OLD AGE...


I THOUGHT THAT THIS TERRIBLE SITUATION MAY COME TO AN END IF HE WAS GONE
BUT HIS OBSESSION DID NOT COME TO AN END SO EASILY


IN CASE HE DIED...

HE'D SET IT UP SO THAT HIS LEGACY WOULD LIVE ON IN THE ANDROIDS
THE GEPETTO CODE...!
RIGHT. THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR BETWEEN MAN AND ROBOT.


I COULD NOT STOP THE WAR
ALL I WAS AN OLD MAN, AND A MERE CLONE WITH A SYNCED BRAIN
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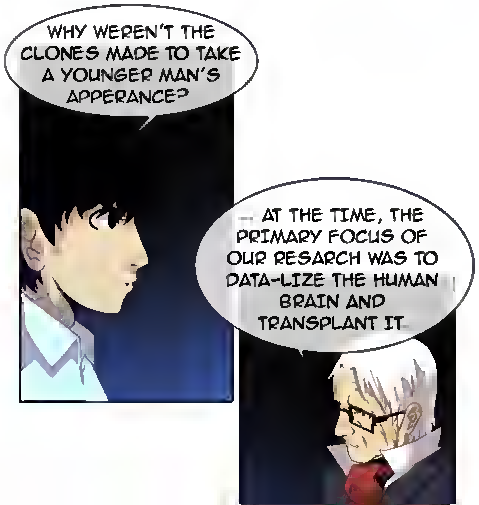
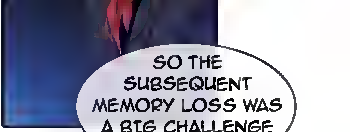
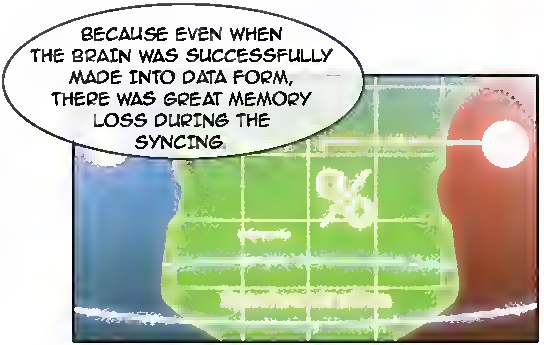

WHY WEREN'T THE CLONES MADE TO TAKE A YOUNGER MAN'S APPERANCE?
... AT THE TIME, THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF OUR RESARCH WAS TO DATA-LIZE THE HUMAN BRAIN AND TRANSPLANT IT.


SO THE SUBSEQUENT MEMORY LOSS WAS A BIG CHALLENGE FOR US.


BECAUSE EVEN WHEN THE BRAIN WAS SUCCESSFULLY MADE INTO DATA FORM, THERE WAS GREAT MEMORY LOSS DURING THE SYNCING.
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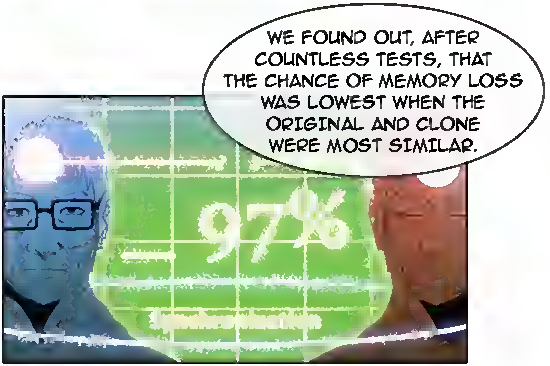
WE FOUND OUT, AFTER COUNTLESS TESTS, THAT THE CHANCE OF MEMORY LOSS WAS LOWEST WHEN THE ORIGINAL AND CLONE WERE MOST SIMILAR.
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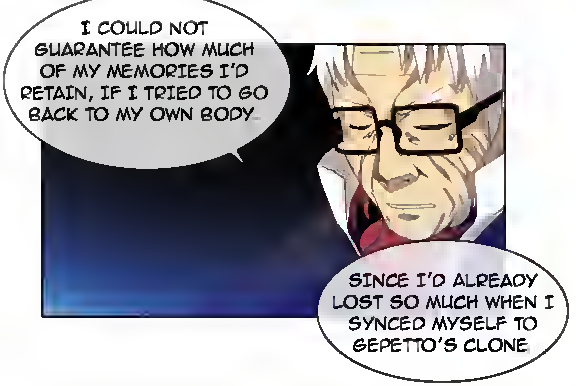
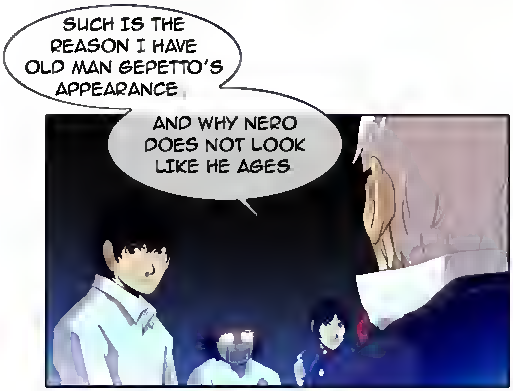
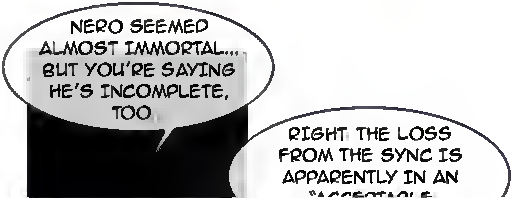
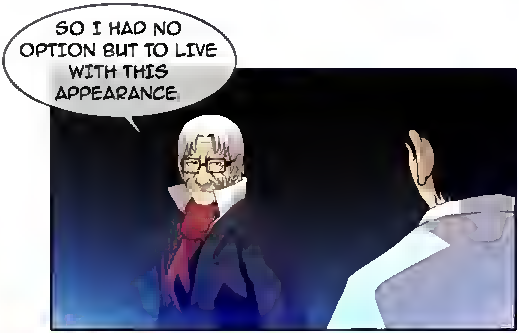

I COULD NOT GUARANTEE HOW MUCH OF MY MEMORIES I'D RETAIN, IF I TRIED TO GO BACK TO MY OWN BODY
SINCE I'D ALREADY LOST SO MUCH WHEN I SYNCED MYSELF TO GEPETTO'S CLONE


SUCH IS THE REASON I HAVE OLD MAN GEPETTO'S APPEARANCE
AND WHY NERO DOES NOT LOOK LIKE HE AGES

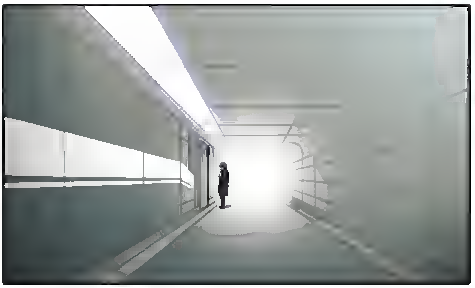

NERO SEEMED ALMOST IMMORTAL... BUT YOU'RE SAYING HE'S INCOMPLETE, TOO
RIGHT. THE LOSS FROM THE SYNC IS APPARENTLY IN AN

ACCEPTABLE RANGE," BUT...
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS MEMORY THAT CAN BE LOST, OR DAMAGED

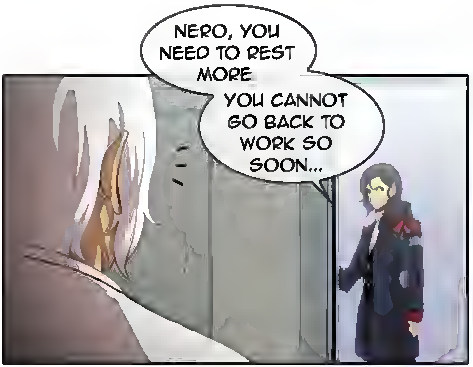

SO I HAD NO OPTION BUT TO LIVE WITH THIS APPEARANCE

I INDEED HAD TO STAY ALIVE IN ORDER TO PROTECT HUMANS FROM ANDROIDS GIVEN THE GEPETTO CODE .

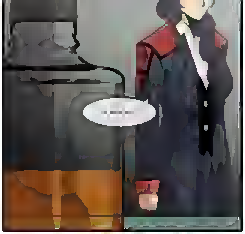
AND THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY I SAW I COULD MINIMIZE THE RISK WHILE REPEATEDLY SYNCING TO THE CLONES.
AT LEAST I REMAINED WITHIN THE PROTECTIVE ARMS OF THE LAMPIONE INSTITUTION AND THE SHELTER AND UNDERWENT AS FEW SYNCS AS POSSIBLE,
BUT FOR NERO, WHO HAS GONE THROUGH COUNTLESS SYNCHRONIZATIONS
HE PROBABLY ISN'T AWARE OF HOW MUCH MEMORY HE'S LOST

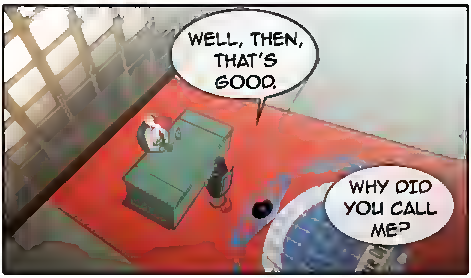


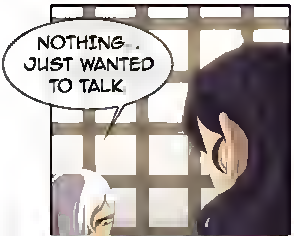
BEEP~


NERO, YOU NEED TO REST MORE
YOU CANNOT GO BACK TO WORK SO SOON...

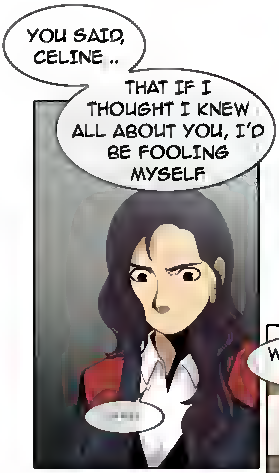
YOU CAN STOP WORRYING ABOUT ME
I FEEL FINE.
NOW, SIT

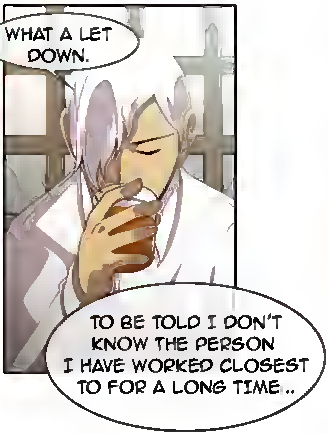



WELL, THEN, THAT'S GOOD.
WHY DID YOU CALL ME?

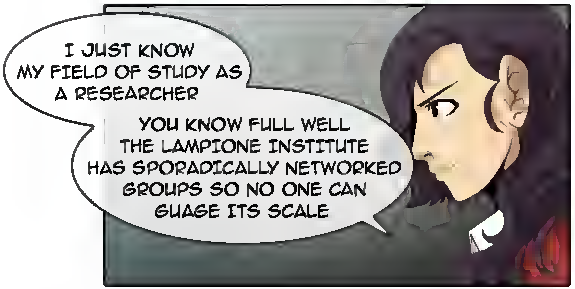

NOTHING... JUST WANTED TO TALK.

TO TALK..?

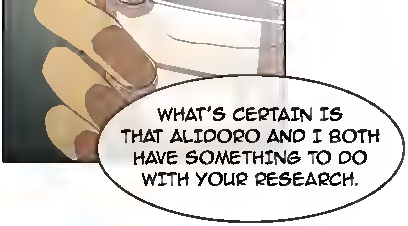

YOU SAID, CELINE ..
THAT IF I THOUGHT I KNEW ALL ABOUT YOU, I'D BE FOOLING MYSELF

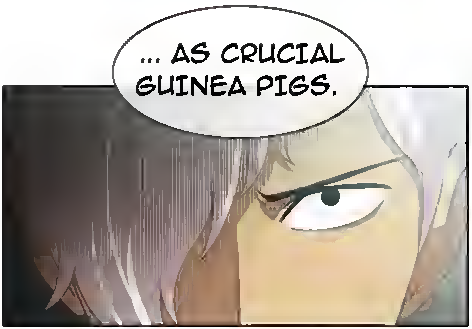

WHAT A LET DOWN.
TO BE TOLD I DON'T KNOW THE PERSON I HAVE WORKED CLOSEST TO FOR A LONG TIME..

AND IT MADE NO SENSE.
THAT YOU, WHO IS BLUE LV 2, KNEW ABOUT ALIDORO, WHEN I, BLUE LV 1, HAD NEVER EVEN HEARD OF HIM.

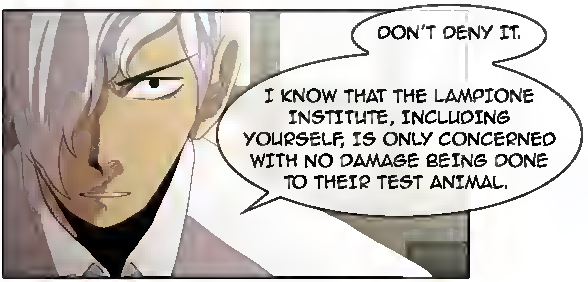

I JUST KNOW MY FIELD OF STUDY AS A RESEARCHER
YOU KNOW FULL WELL THE LAMPIONE INSTITUTE HAS SPORADICALLY NETWORKED GROUPS SO NO ONE CAN GUAGE ITS SCALE

YA. AND THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT AT FIRST, TOO.

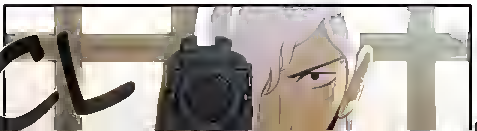

WHAT'S CERTAIN IS THAT ALIDORO AND I BOTH HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR RESEARCH.


... AS CRUCIAL GUINEA PIGS.

NERO, I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF YOU LIKE THAT...!


DON'T DENY IT.
I KNOW THAT THE LAMPIONE INSTITUTE, INCLUDING YOURSELF, IS ONLY CONCERNED WITH NO DAMAGE BEING DONE TO THEIR TEST ANIMAL.

... I'M LEAVING.
I DON'T NEED TO KEEP LISTENING TO THIS!
SWOOSH-



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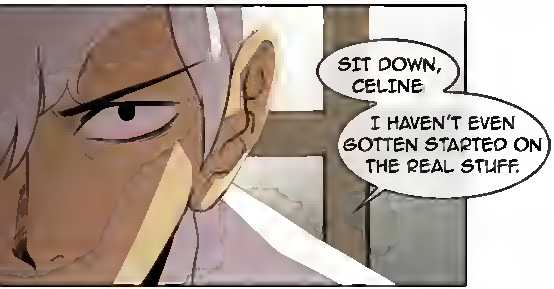
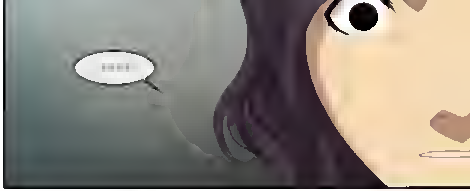
NERO...!

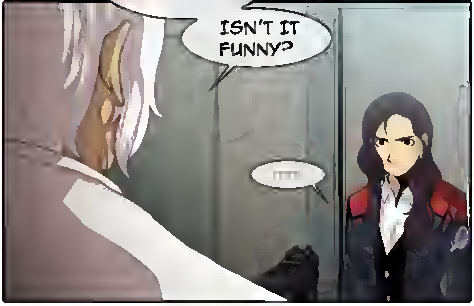

SIT DOWN, CELINE
I HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN STARTED ON THE REAL STUFF.

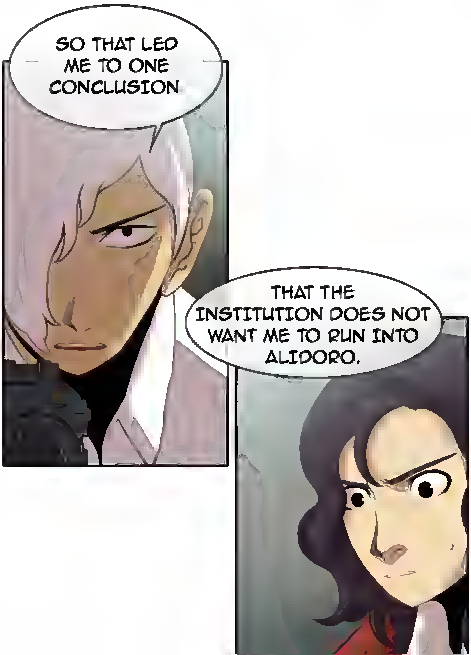


CELINE, YOU SAID... PANPARONE MADE SURE ALIOORO AND I DID NOT OPERATE IN THE SAME AREA, TO MAKE SURE NEITHER KNEW ABOUT WHAT THE OTHER WAS DOING

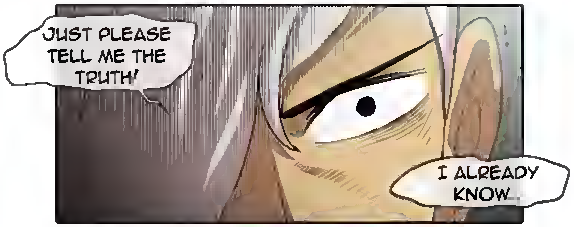
TO THE POINT WHERE, EVEN WHEN THE PLAN HAD BEEN TERMINATED, I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE HE WAS

HOW AM I BLUE LV 1 THEN?


ISN'T IT FUNNY?
HMM


SO THAT LED ME TO ONE CONCLUSION
THAT THE INSTITUTION DOES NOT WANT ME TO RUN INTO ALIDORO.

NERO. YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE INSTITUTION, THERE ARE A LOT OF UNKNOWNS .
YOUR EXISTENCE ALSO .
STOP MAKING EXCUSES!!
WHACK


JUST PLEASE TELL ME THE TRUTH!
I ALREADY KNOW...

THAT THE HUNTING DOGS WERE MADE UP OF MY CLONES!
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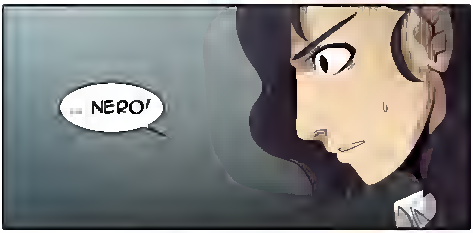
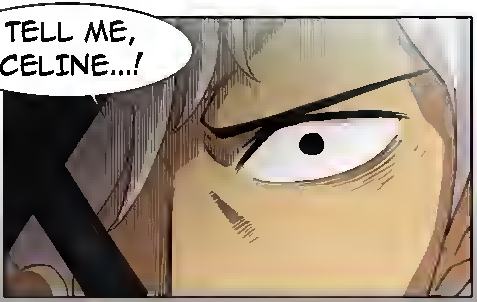
EVEN WHEN OTHER CLONES OF ME ARE FORBIDDEN...
SHAKE..





WHAT THE HELL YOU'VE DONE WITH ME!

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